REMARKS

Claims 1 through 6, 8, and 21 through 33 are in the application.

Claim 1 has been amended to better distinguish over the art cited by the Examiner. Claims 2 through 6 and 8 are dependent on amended Claim 1. Claims 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8 were amended to adjust to the changes in their parent Claim. Claim 3 did not require amendment.

Claims 7 and 9 though 20 have been cancelled.

Claims 21 through 33 have been added. Claims 21 through 25 are dependent on amended Claim 1. Independent Claim 26 and its dependent Claims 27 and 28 replace canceled Claim 7. Independent Claim 29 and its dependent Claims 30, 31, 32 and 33 replace other cancelled Claims. (Canceled independent Claims 13 and 16 allow for new independent Claims 26 and 29..)

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to distinguish over the reference Freeman cited by the Examiner. Step b) assigns a word and a stating letter to each displayed item and Step c) has a pointing means select a displayed item and chose either the word or the starting letter. Freeman of reference does not disclose obtaining both words and starting letters from the same displayed item and choosing either with a pointing means as now called for by amended Claim 1. Dependent Claims 2 through 6 and 8 have been amended to conform to amended Claim 1. Claims 2 through 6 and 8 distinguish over Freeman of reference by the just discussed limitations of amended Claim 1 and by their various additional limitations.

Claims 7 and 9 through 20 have been canceled and new Claims 21 through 31 added.

New Claims 21 through 25 are dependent on amended Claim 1 and so distinguish over Freeman of reference by the limitations of amended Claim 1 as well as by their various additional limitations.

New Claim 26 is a rewrite of old Claim 7 in independent form. Claim 26 distinguishes over Freeman of reference in that an "n" is inserted after the word "a" converting it to "an" when the assignment to the following selected item starts with a vowel sound.

The Examiner recognized that Microsoft Word does not disclosure changing "s" to "an" but rejected Claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) by maintained that changing "a" to "an" is a subset of the Microsoft reference corrections for mistyped errors or for grammatical errors..

Applicant respectfully maintains that changing "a" to "an" is not a subset of the reference corrections for mistyped errors or for grammatical errors. The use of "a" or "an" depends on the starting sound of the following word, abbreviation, or other; not on any grammatical considerations. Further, the instant objective is not to correct typing errors but merely to squeeze another word into the very important word start set of the text input system and to allow typists to obtain the appropriate one of two words with the same action.
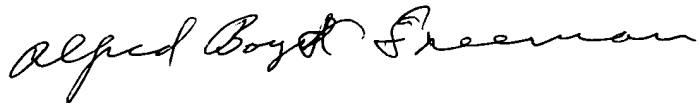
New Claims 27 and 28 are dependent on Claim 26 and specific limitations to the conditions under which "n" is inserted.

New independent Claim 29 distinguishes over Freeman of reference by having a display with a touch sensitive screen and, like amended Claim 1, by assigns a word and a stating letter to each displayed item and employing a pen or stylus to select a displayed item and chose either the word or the starting letter. Freeman of reference does not disclose obtaining both words and starting letters from the same displayed item

New Claims 30 through 33 are is dependent on Claim 29 and as so distinguish over Freeman of reference for the same reasons and by their respective additional limitations.

Claims 1 through 6, 8, and 21 through 33 are in the application. The case is now in condition for allowance and a favorable action is hereby requested.

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